



**GO DOG TRAINING CLUB
IN ASSOCIATION WITH RALLY DOGS
PRESENTS**



**THE JANE SANSOM MEMORIAL
SCHEDULE OF OPEN RALLY COMPETITION**

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations 'S' and licensed by The Royal Kennel Club Limited)

**To be held at: BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL RFC, FORSHAW HEATH
LANE, PORTWAY, WEST MIDLANDS, B94 5LH**

on WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025

SHOW OPENS AT 8am

FIRST WALK THROUGHES AT 9am

FIRST JUDGING STARTS AT 9.30am

The licensee holding the licence is deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Royal Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation S31. In so doing those appointed as the licensee, accept that they are responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking.

EVENT LICENCE HOLDER: Rally Dogs

JOINT SHOW SECRETARIES:

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CHIEF RALLY STEWARD: SHEELAGH CONLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Last qualifying date for level eligibility is: Tuesday 15th July 2025

Online entries via With Your Dog Rally

www.withyourdogrally.co.uk



Please contact Claire (details above) if you need to enter the competition using a different method.

Vet on Call: The Willows Veterinary Centre,

Highlands Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4BN. 0121 712 7070

All charges to be paid by the handler or owner

Please park where directed and then book in at the Secretary's Area upon arrival to collect your numbers.

There is no camping available onsite for the Rally Competition (unless you have booked it via your entries for either Hatchford Brook or Solihull Obedience shows, with whom we are sharing the venue), however details of local camping sites are available on request.

Day parking is on hard standing.

If you require a disabled parking space, please contact Claire by email.

FIRST AIDER: DAWN COX

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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CLASS	JUDGE
1. LEVEL 1	Michelle Rodgers
2. LEVEL 2	Jayne Crowther
3. LEVEL 3	Carole Thornley
4. LEVEL 4	Sabine Kanzaria
5. LEVEL 5	Jane Prince
6. LEVEL 6	Ann Nash
7. VETERAN	Jo Stocks

8. SPECIAL FUN REWARD CLASS*

****See Special class notes for more information***

RESERVE JUDGE: Julia Bodsworth

Further Judges will be appointed as necessary

There will be a pay on the day training ring, with advice available from a rota of KC Rally Judges and Trainers.

£3 per dog, with all money going to Darwin Dogs.

Rosettes and place cards will be awarded in all classes for 1st to 6th place.

Special rosettes will be awarded in each class for the 'biggest character', a dog that encompasses all the fun of Rally, in memory of Jane Sansom

Qualifying certificates will be issued to all dogs that achieve the required score in all standard classes.

Entry fees are £8 per class entered

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Classes at rally competitions

A competition host may stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in out in Annex C of the Regulations. Such classes must contain the word 'special' in the title of the class, and shall not count towards progression, titles or awards in standard competition classes.

Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete in their lowest eligible class from Level 1 to Level 6. They may also compete at the subsequent level. Progression to the next level does not require either wins or places., however, a class will be won by the dog that has lost the least number of points, unless otherwise stated for special classes. Progression is dependent upon gaining three excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges.

Levels 1 to 4 have a qualifying score of **175** out of **200**.

Levels 5 and 6 have a qualifying score of **180** out of **200**.

Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at limited rally competitions do not count towards progression, rally Level Titles or Excellent titles.

In all levels a qualifying score of **190** or above equates to an excellent score.

Rally handler/dog teams where the dog is 7 years of age or older may compete in Veteran as well as, or instead of, their lowest eligible class. Veteran has a qualifying score of 175 out of 200. A qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Eligibility.

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible. The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes including one further standard level class at the subsequent higher level. Once a dog has earned any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in just a Veteran class. It may also be entered in standard level classes and special classes to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes in total. Special classes do not count towards progression.

Level 1 - Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title.

Level 2 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 1 may also enter at this level.

Level 3 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 2 may also

enter at this level.

Level 4 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 3 may also enter at this level

Level 5 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 4 may also enter at this level.

Level 6 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

Veteran - Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the competition.

***SPECIAL CLASS NOTES**

All aboard for our Special Fun Reward class, which does not count towards progression, and will have a nautical theme. Certificates will be given to those dogs gaining 175 or over.

Course will consist of exercises from the full range of levels and is open to all dogs. Handlers and dogs will have the chance to work part of the course on lead and part of it off lead, if they wish. Handlers will be given the opportunity to reward their dog during the course, with either food (from a pouch or container) or a silent toy.

Please enter before the day, using the normal methods, or risk walking the plank!

All entry fees for this class will go to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), which is a charity Jane was very passionate about supporting.

SHOW INFORMATION

Directions to venue

Travelling from M42 from M5 South and any other routes:

Exit junction 3. At roundabout take the 2nd exit, Forshaw Heath Lane, turn first right, also Forshaw Heath Lane, travel under motorway tunnel/bridge. The venue is then on the left hand side.

Travelling from M42 North East Exit junction 3:

Use dedicated lane to turn left 1st exit, take first turning left and venue is on the right hand side before the motorway bridge.

Please note, the roundabout lanes have been altered and it is difficult to turn left onto Forshaw Heath Lane if approaching from A435 roundabout on the southside. You will have to change into the inside lane in a very short distance.

Please use the designated exercise areas around the showground, always clear up after your dog and use the bins provided.

Please be considerate of those who are camping and sharing our venue.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.All judges and reserve judges are listed alongside the schedule of classes. Additional judges will be appointed as necessary.
- 2.This event is not sponsored.
- 3.Entry fees will be £8 per dog, per class.
4. No prize money will be offered at this event.
- 5.Handlers are to proceed to the Secretary area on arrival and collect entry numbers and book in.
- 6.No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
- 7.The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
8. All dogs must enter and leave the judging ring on lead. When in use, one end of the lead must be attached to a ring on the dog's collar and the other should be held in the handler's hand(s), except for when performing Bonus Exercises 4 or 5 where the handler has chosen for their dog to drag the lead.
- 9.Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. A medicated collar may also be worn in the ring.
- 10.The show organiser reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
- 11.Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 12 weeks and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
- 12.In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the show organisers will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the organisers will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date.
- 13.Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
- 14.It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
- 15.Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
- 16.Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 1, 2, or 3 classes. Only dogs of 12 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 4 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises. A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in a Veteran class.
- 17.Organisers of open rally competitions and limited rally competitions may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class and may decline entries received after the

capping level has been reached. State the capping level for each class. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 40 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.

18. For limited shows entry is limited (include here whichever of the following are applicable – to members of the organising society / to competitors resident within a specific area / to specific breeds / by numbers [such numbers to be stipulated] / or give details of any other form of limit which has been given prior approval by the Board of The Royal Kennel Club).

19. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.

20. All competitors must collect entry numbers from the Show Secretary area on arrival. Competitors must report to ringside and book in for all classes entered within 1 hour of the scheduled start of the class.

21. No entry passes are required.

22. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.

23. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the judge or judges.

24. After a dog has commenced competing in a class no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.

25. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.

26. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test, except in special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the schedule.

27. A dog can not be entered in the same class more than once.

28. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.

29. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club rules and regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club rules and regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to The Royal Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

30. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

31. Following discussion between the chief steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the competition if it is:-

- a. A bitch which is in season
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent
- d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Royal Kennel Club.

32. Judges' discretion prevails and judges' decisions are final.

33. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.

34. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS. Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

35. Welfare of Dogs. An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any rally event licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.

36. No modifications may be made to the schedule once published except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the canine press if possible.

37. Animals in Event. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

38. All handlers, officials and spectators will conduct themselves in a happy and cheerful manner for the duration of The Jane Sansom Memorial competition. Rudeness or disrespect towards officials or other handlers will not be tolerated. Handlers will do their utmost to keep their dogs happy throughout the event.